



CITY OF LONG BEACH **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN NOVEMBER 19. 2008**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER I.

Co-Chair Soth called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:00 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co-Chair

Ana Mora, 9th District Youth Representative, Co Vice Chair Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co Vice-Chair

Leslie Barnes, 1st District Youth Michael Diaz, 5th District Youth

Helen Ingram, Education

Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services

Megan McDonnell, 3rd District Youth

Stephanie Viramontes. 7th District Youth

Jessica Quintana. Parent

Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education

Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

Excused – Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co-Chair Absent:

Excused - Marty Isozaki, Job Training

Excused – Victor Perez, Health

VACANT, 6th District Youth VACANT, 2nd District Youth VACANT. 8th District Youth VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Superintendent, Community Recreation

Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Community Recreation Services,

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: Dr. William Crampon, ReThinking Long Beach

> Dr. Jack Humphrey, ReThinking Long Beach Dr. Alex Norman, ReThinking Long Beach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES II.

It was moved by Commissioner Turretine and seconded by Commissioner Viramontes to approve the October 22, 2008 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Co-Chair Soth welcomed newly appointed commissioners Barnes, Diaz, McDonnell, and Viramontes to the Commission. The commissioners gave a brief description of themselves and the City Council District that they represent.

At this time, Co-Chair Soth requested a motion to reorder the agenda to bring forth Agenda Item VIII.A. It was moved by Commissioner McAlpin and seconded by Commissioner Meyer to reorder the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A. ReThinking Long Beach

Dr. Alex Norman stated that approximately four (4) years ago they began to develop a database that would be available to all of the citizens and organizations in Long Beach. The database consists of public safety and school information and will be available online at CSULB in the Criminal Justice Research and Training Center. This was made possible from grants through the Long Beach Community Foundation and the Gumbiner Foundation.

Dr. William Crampon provided a demonstration on how the database works and provided information on the different components of the database. He explained that the information comes from the following sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Long Beach Police Department, California Department of Education, and the Long Beach Unified School District. He also informed the Commission that the information contained on the database is Long Beach specific data.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICITION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no public comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission 🗹

Ms. Nixon-Joiner reported that the monthly report was included in the agenda packet.

V. <u>CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Co-Chair Soth

Co-Chair Soth reported that she attended the dedication of the library makeover at Starr King Elementary.

Co-Chair Soth distributed correspondence from the National League of Cities and their Institute for Youth Education and Families. She stated that across the nation there has been a Mayors action challenge for children and families. The goals of the challenge include opportunities to learn and grow, safe neighborhood to call home, a healthy lifestyle and environment, and a financially fit family in which to thrive. Several Mayors have moved to establish specific targets in each of these challenges for key areas.

Co-Chair Soth received notice that audio conferences will be held and has the registration information for commissioners that are interested in attending.

Co-Chair Soth reported on a scholarship contest from the Institute for Local Government. The contest is entitled "Save Me a Spot in College," where students submit a written word poster or television ad answering the question, "Why should California leaders save you and your peers a spot in college?"

B. Co-Chair Summerville

Co-Chair Summerville was not present.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. <u>Executive Committee</u> Co-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Co Vice-Chairs Turrentine and Mora, Commissioner Meyer

Co-Chair Soth stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss tonight's agenda. In addition, the Executive Committee reviewed the goal survey and a retreat.

B. Special Committees

1. <u>Long Beach Youth Fund Committee</u> - Commissioners Mora, Summerville, Ingram, McAlpin

Recommended Action: Approve the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee's recommendation regarding the revised proposal of Centro CHA's LEAP program.

Centro CHA submitted a revised proposal for a Posada event. Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that she consulted the City Attorney's office regarding the proposal due to the fact that the proposal contained religious information. The City Attorney's office stated that proposal would be in violation of the City's policy based on the information they received.

On behalf of the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee, Commissioner McDonnell stated that the recommendation is to approve the proposal under the condition that all religious components and wording be removed from the proposal.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee.

2. Profile Committee Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville, Mora

The Profile Committee did not meet; however, Co-Chair Soth informed the Commission that a letter was sent to the Port of Long Beach thanking them for their presentation last month and also inquiring if they would be willing to support the printing and data collection costs for the Commission's Profile.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. <u>District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings</u>

Commissioner McDonnell reported that the Third and Fourth Districts' Youth Council met to discuss volunteering to serve holiday meals.

Commissioner Barnes reported that the First District Youth Council discussed putting together a toy drive, as well as can food drive. In addition, the Youth Council plans to volunteer at Soup Kitchen to assist in serving the homeless.

2. <u>Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force</u> - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville

Commissioner Rothenberg reported that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force presented the Commission with a Certificate of Appreciation for partnering with the Task Force on events.

The Commission voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner McDonnell to serve on the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force.

Commissioner Rothenberg also reported that the next meeting on December 8 would be a community forum on parenting at Burnett Elementary.

2. <u>Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee</u> - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer had no new information to report.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner McAlpin requested that the Executive Committee look into inviting Tony Ostos, Program Manager of the GRIP program. He is currently teaching the GRIP program to several park staff that will be implemented in the after school programs.

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Commission Quintana informed the Commission that the State Department of Education will be having a FAFSA Summit and distributed the flyer for any commissioners interested in attending.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CYC Goals

The commissioners were provided the results of the goals survey and discussed the outcome.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ReThinking Long Beach

This item was previously discussed.

B. CYC Retreat

The Commission discussed extending the time of January's meeting, so that the commissioners can spend time bonding and strengthening the Commission as a whole. Commissioner Perez will be facilitating the retreat activities.

IX. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Having no further business, Co-Chair Soth adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. to the next meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

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